



PUTNAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 17, 2017

Present: Theo Siehler, Chairman
J.R. Newbold, Supervisor
Doug Duran, Supervisor
Jody Lee, FDACS
Stacey Simmons, FDACS
Lakeisha Barber, NRCS
Gina Allen, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Bank balance as of 7/31/17 - \$11,515,21

Old Business:

AFCD meeting was the first item under old business. Meeting was held on July 20 thru July 22 at the Ocala Hilton in Ocala, Florida. No one from Putnam SWCD attended. Some of the topics discussed included cost share programs with FDACS and the SWCDs and SWCD projects. The AFCD State Speech Contest was held during the meeting. Contest reports including Land Judging, Envirothon and Poster Contests were announced during the meeting. A supervisor workshop and training was held during the meeting.

New Business:

District projects was the first item under new business. Purchasing equipment and leasing to producers was suggested by Barber. Example no till drilling. River and lake restorations was suggested by Doran. Simmons suggested placing kiosks at trail heads and parks. Siehler state that the National Forest Service and the St. Johns River Water Management already have kiosks in place. Doran suggested a workshop on invasive species awareness to educate the public.

Conservation tray contest. An agreement by the Board to increase prize monies for next year's contest.

Poster contest prize monies will remain the same. There will be no best in show for next year's contest.

Photo contest was introduced to the Board for next year. Prize money will be the same as poster contest. Size of the photo was discussed. It was agreed the photo should be no larger than 8 x 10 in size.

FDACS contract renewal was discussed. Putnam receive \$400,000.00 in the new contract from FDACS. An additional \$4,500.00 will be included for the annual audit.

The Putnam SWCD audit was completed and sent to the State for approval.

Allen attending FDACS meeting was discussed. Lee suggested adding line items to next year's contract that will include travel and equipment needed for the SWCD.

DC Report: LaKeisha R. Barber

Too be included at the meeting on November 16, 2017.

Open Floor:

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 9:50. The next regular board meeting will be held on September 21, 2017.